

Appl. No. 09/689,339
Amdt. dated May 16, 2003

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7, which is the paragraph following the heading entitled "Cross-Reference To Related Applications," with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/025,161, filed February 18, 1998 (now abandoned); which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/761,408, filed December 6, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,878,395, issued March 2, 1999); which itself is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/008,425 filed December 8, 1995. Said applications U.S. Patent No. 5,878,395, issued March 2, 1999, and Provisional Application No. 60/008,425 are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--